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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: ARGININE REPRESSOR
DEFICIENT STRAIN OF
CORYNEFORM BACTERIUM
AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING L-ARGININE

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: EXAMINER: FRONDA

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1652

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated March 13, 2002 and concurrent with the Request for Continued Examiner filed hereto, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1, 5, 8, 11, 14, and 17.

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy to read as follows:

2. (Twice Amended) An isolated coryneform bacterium wherein an argR gene on a chromosome of the bacterium is disrupted, and the argR gene has the nucleotide sequence

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